

By Williamson

H.J.R. No. 8

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to provide for newly elected
2 members of the house of representatives to take office and meet for
3 organizational and fiscal purposes before the legislature convenes
4 in regular session.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Article III, Section 4, of the Texas Constitution
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 Sec. 4. The Members of the House of Representatives shall be
9 chosen by the qualified electors for the term of two years.
10 Representatives shall take office following their election at 12
11 noon[7] on the first Tuesday in December [~~day-set-by--law--for--the~~
12 ~~convening--of--the--Regular--Session-of-the-Legislature~~], and shall
13 serve thereafter for the full term of years to which elected and
14 until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

15 SECTION 2. Article III of the Texas Constitution is amended
16 by adding Section 5-b to read as follows:

17 Sec. 5-b. (a) The house of representatives shall assemble
18 on the date on which its members take office, for a period not to
19 exceed 10 days. The house so assembled, after electing a speaker,
20 may elect its other officers, appoint committee members, adopt
21 rules, hear and decide election contests, and carry out other house
22 business. While so assembled, the house or its committees may
23 consider proposed constitutional amendments and bills, including
24 the General Appropriations Act, relating to the state budget and

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NOV 14 1988 1. Filed with the Chief Clerk.

JAN 23 1989 2. Read first time and referred to Committee on

State Affairs

3. Reported favorably (as amended) and sent to Printer at (as substituted)

4. Printed and distributed at

5. Sent to Committee on Calendars at

6. Read second time (amended) and (finally) passed to Third Reading by a Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting.

7. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.J.R. _____ was ordered engrossed prevailed (failed) by (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting).

8. Read third time (amended) and finally adopted (failed of adoption) by a Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting.

9. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of resolution.

10. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.J.R. _____ was finally adopted prevailed (failed) by a (Non-Record Vote) Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting).

11. Ordered Engrossed at

12. Engrossed.

13. Returned to Chief Clerk at

14. Sent to the Senate.

Chief Clerk of the House

15. Received from the House

16. Read, referred to Committee on

17. Reported favorably

18. Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.

19. Ordered not printed.

20. Regular order of business suspended by (a viva voce vote.) _____ yeas, _____ nays.

21. To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays.

22. Read second time passed to third reading by: (a viva voce vote.) _____ yeas, _____ nays.

_____ 23. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

_____ 24. Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas,
_____ nays to place bill on third reading and final passage.

_____ 25. Read third time and passed by
(a viva voce vote.)
(_____ yeas, _____ nays.)

OTHER ACTION:

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Secretary of the Senate

_____ 26. Returned to the House.

_____ 27. Received from the Senate (with amendments.)
(as substituted.)

_____ 28. House (Concurred) (Refused to Concur) in Senate (Amendments) by a (Non-Record
(Substitute) Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present,
not voting).

_____ 29. Conference Committee Ordered.

_____ 30. Conference Committee Report Adopted (Rejected) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record
Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting).

_____ 31. Ordered Enrolled at _____